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SUBJECT: LEGAL REPRESENTATION AVAILABLE TO AMERICANS ARRESTED ABROAD

REF: STATE 147704

1. FOLLOWING IS EMBASSY'S RESPONSE TO DATE REQUESTED PARA TWO
A,B,C, REFTEL. INFORMATION WAS PROVIDED BY ATTORNEY GENERAL
OF GUYANA.

2. GUYANA DOES NOT HAVE PUBLIC FUNDED LEGAL ASSISTANCE. ONLY
IN THE MOST SERIOUS MURDER CASES DOES GOG PROVIDE COUNSEL IF THE
DEFENDANT CANNOT AFFORD AN ATTORNEY AND THEN ONLY AFTER THE
ACTUAL TRIAL BEGINS. DEFENDANTS UNABLE TO AFFORD LEGAL ASSISTANCE
WOULD NOT BE REPRESENTED BY AN ATTORNEY AT THE
PRELIMINARY HEARING OR ARRAINGMENT.

3. ATTORNEY GENERAL DID MENTION THAT THE STATE WILL PROVIDE
LEGAL COUNSEL SHOULD A CASE OF SPECIAL COMPLEXITY GO THE THE
CRIMINAL APPEALS COURT. HE POINTED OUT THAT THERE IS A LEGAL
AID CENTER IN GEORGETOWN COMPOSED OF PRIVATE ATTORNEYS WHO
DONATE THEIR TIME TO PROVIDE DESERVING CASES WITH
LEGAL ADVICE. HE COMMENTED THAT THIS WAS SIMILAR
TO OUR NEIGHBORHOOD LEGAL AID CENTERS IN THE US AND
THOUGHT THAT MOST OF THE FUNDING FOR THE LEGAL AID
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CENTER HERE CAME FROM PRIVATE SOURCES IN THE US.

4. GIVEN THE ALMOST NON-EXISTENT RECORD OF ARRESTS
OF AMERICAN CITIZENS IN GUYANA (NONE IN THE PAST
YEAR) POST BELIEVES LACK OF QUALIFIED PUBLICALLY
FUNDED LEGAL ASSISTANCE TO ARRESTED CITIZENS IN
GEORGETOWN SHOULD NOT BECOME AN ISSUE IN US-GOG RELATIONS.

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